I put a dash there, for 'tis said To write it plainly out amiss is: Yet England's motto may be read Upon just such a thing as this is,

I stooped, and hid it in my hand. And wondered who might be the

She could not ask me for the band! How such a question would confuse

Returning with it to my place,
I wondered if my cheek were flush-

ing; In turn I scanned each lovely face, Until I saw how you were blushing!

My own perception I had wronged, To think that I would not have known her To whom this dainty band belonged-

No one but you could be the owner. So thus I send it back to you, Around this bunch of blushing roses! found it whom you never knew;

Whose name no hint of mine dis-I would not have you gress 'twas I, For that might put constraint upon

you: Perhaps you'll know me by and by; Perhaps you'll love me! When I've won you.

I'll whisper that 'twas I who found This clinging silken band of yellow. We're strangers still I will be bound, You, and no other, have its fellow!

And now may my respect for you Plend pardon for these rhyming fancies!

For never motto was more true Than "Honi soit qui mal y pense" is.

## OUR DISCOVERY.

I had just graduated as a student, from the Long Island Medical College, in Brooklyn, and as I needed some recreation after my long course of study in that institution, I determined to take a trip across the Western plains, my ultimate destination being San Francisco.

To my bosom friend Godffrey Dennin, a young lawyer, I described the prospective pleasures of such a trip, and he at length consented to become my traveling companion.

About three weeks later, after varlous unimportant experiences, Dennin found ourselves in a small town which I shall call Lathrop, about one hundred and thirty miles west of Den-

wer. We had just registered at the chart "hotel" of which the place boasted-a rude two-story frame structure, and were at once keenly eyed by the loungers and guests, who evidently considered us very stupid specimens of the "tenderfoot" variety.

The most important servant of the house was a stalwart, full-bearded man of thirty-five, whose garb denoted him be a miner, and whom everybody addressed as "Ike."

He assisted the cook, acted as bellboy, officiated as chambermaid, and sometimes showed his skill as bartender when Pete Burroughs, the landlord, withdrew for a little respite from his labors as a decoctor of delectable beverages.

It was Ike who first served us in that hotel; and the "whisky sour" he compounded for me seemed to run down to the pit of my stomach like a streak of lightning, leaving a trail of fire in its course.

I coughed and spluttered, while Dennin vigorously whacked me on the back, thinking I was choking. I glared with a look of hatred at Ike

as the author of my discomfiture; but he merely smiled, and winked merrily at me, and if he and I were partners in a good practical joke.

His repeated winking annoyed me; but it was not long until I learned that this habit was merely the manifestation of a nervous complaint which he could not control.

When he read my name on the register, and saw that it had "M. D." attached to it, he winked more vigorously than ever and frequently glanced at me with a very meaning look.

It was jest dark when we signified our intention to visit the apartment assigned to us, and Ike was deputed to escort us thither.

Taking up a lighted tallow candle.

which Pete had placed on the bar, Ike gave me a wink and started for a side door, with Dennin and myself at his heels.

Ascending a dark flight of stairs, he led us into a passage at the end of which was our room, a medium sized, carpetless apartment, containing two small cots, a couple of dilapitated chairs, a washstand and a little round table, upon which he placed the candle, saying to me, in a low, mysterious tone, his impudent manner changed

suddenly to one of a certain respect:
"We looked for you two days ago,
doctor—you and your friend here—and had begun to get pretty skeery when we found you didn't show up. Every-thing's all right so far; there's no sus-You've got what you need in them things there"-pointing to our va lises- "and you'll not set to work till the house's all quiet, for walls have ears. Pete'll close up to-night extra early on purpose to give you more time to do the job. You'll find it in there," he concluded, indicating with a jerk of his thumb a side door in the room, and at the same time backing suddenly to the entrance with an expression of fear in his ugly face, while his owlish eyes kept constantly wink-

Utterly amazed, I tried to speak, tried to find voice to ask him what he was driving at. Indeed, Dennin's tongue seemed tied, too, and the fellow had already backed out of the room, and shut the door quickly, and we heard him go bounding down the dark stairs as if a ghost was after him, be fore either of us could open our mouths to articulate a sound.

"Well," said I finally, turning to Dennia, who appeared to be coming out of a supor. "what do you make out

strange adventure. What did he mean

by it? 'Setting to work'—'doing the job'
—to say nothing of what else he said." ily we shall find that out by opening that side door which he indi-And he called me doctor. All this looks like a real mystery, Dennia.

Shall we follow it up? "I'm with you," said Dennin, starting toward the side door.

I caught him by the arm. "Go slow, my boy. Remember his warning about the walls having ears and not going to work until the house was quiet. Let's wait and ask no questions lest we betray ourselves. more I think of it the more I am convinced that he has in some unaccountable way mistaken us for other people. Who? What sort? Of course I cannot conjecture. But certain it is, we are not supposed to be here for any good Didn't you notice how fright-

ened he loked when he spoke of it?"
"Yes," said Dennin, "and that leads to believe we are on the point of making some important discovery-I cannot imagine what-but which will bring that villain, and perhaps the

landlord himself into trouble Having delivered himself of this sage conclusion, Denniu washed himself and after I had done likewise we went below to see about supper, exerting ourselves to the utmost to appear

as unconcerned as possible.

Ike was not visible, and the landlord, who was waiting on some new customers, directed us to the dining room slyly handing me, as he did so, something wrapped in paper, which

On sitting down to supper I opened the paper, and, sure enough, I found it contained a door key, while on the paper were scrawled several lines, which out to read as follows:

"This Key fits the Dore between the rooms—don't kum to the Bar agin tinite, and luk out for people in Room on yother side of Partition-you will find Bags in Closet of Room."

"Aha!" said Dennin, when he had deciphered the scrawl in his turn, "the mystery deepens! What on earth are the bags for? Really, Joe. I'm beginning to think we'll get our fingers burnt if we atempt to handle this thing. Let's get out of this infernal hole before it is too late."

What, you are not going to back out?" I said, my curiosity being so fully roused by the strange note, so I was determined to fathom the mys-

tery. "Not, if you are determined to stick to it, my old chum." After supper we went directly to our

room, faking with us a large lamp which had been lighted for our use.

It was then eleven o'clock. Through the partition on the right, opposite the door opening into the other room, we heard voices, and listened It was some miners, judging from their talk, discussing business matters, These were doubtless the people against whom the note had warned us. They did not separate till midnight, and I can assure the reader it was a long wait for us-for Dennin and me. Soon after we heard them go out; the house became as still as death. Then, with a strange feeling creeping over me, I bade Dennin take up the camp, and, going on tiptoe to the side door, I unlocked it, very carefully, so as not to make the slightest noise, and

slowly opened it.

A damp, chilly air struck our faces, and the light flared up. The windows of the room were raised, but the shutters were closed tight.

We entered. There was no carpet on the floor, and no furniture save a long deal table in the middle of the room. To the right, in the farther corner, was a cot, with a blanket thrown over h; to the left a closet.

"Well," I was on the point of saying, "I see no mystery in this," when Dennin, who was be ween me and the farther corner, holding the lamp, steri-ed back, suddenly and clutched my

'Heavens, Joe!" he said, in a house whisper, "there's something covered up on the cot!"

The hand with which he held the lamp shook so that, fearing he would drop it, I took it from him, and, in breathless usp.n.se, we went on tiptoe to the cot.

Yes; there was certainly something under the blanket. Something that looked like the top of a auman head peeped out I pulled down the blanket a little,

and a ghastly face, framed by long. brown hair, stared up at us with glassy Horrified. I recoiled and set the lamp

upon the table, while Dennin staggered back against the wall, murmuring: "For God's sake, Joe, what does this mean?

"It means," I replied, mastering my emotion, "it means that we stand face to face with the victim of a crime a murdered woman. Choked to death?"
"Choked?" gasped Dennin. "How do

"It is very evident," I made answer, approaching the cot again. "See for yourself," and I showed Dennin, at the throat, several dark marks, like the imprints of fingers, "There," I said, gravely, "are the irrefutable proofs. To the medical eye they are crying

"Cover it up again, Joe. The sight is too horrible!" mouned Dennin, "We too horrible!" moaned Dennin. "We must not disturb it—it must be left as we found it," and seizing the blanket with a shudder he pulled it over the staring face.

"And now what's to be done?" he continued. "Our first step is undoubtedly to go and lodge a complaint against this like and Pete Burroughs, the landlords. We must do so at

"Not so fast, my boy. Do you imag-ine we would be allowed to leave this house by stealth at this hour? No, indeed, we are supposed to be-"What?" asked Dennin, impatiently, as I paused.

Cutting the body up of course, so that they can conveniently dispose of it—bury the pieces separately, no doubt, Isn't the matter clear to you now? The rascals, having foully murdered this poor woman here, have not dared to carry the body away as it is, and have not had the courage to cut it up. Some oneone, for a round sum of money, las agreed to furnish them a villainous dector and an assistant, who would do the job for them. Don't you remember that Ike said to me, when he cau-ticned me in the other room, 'We lookof a stuper, "what do you make out of this experience?"

"I make out of it," he replied, with an effort, "that we are in for some our values, were the surgical instru-

ments necessary for the operation."

I, opening a valise, took out two loaded revotvers, and going up to Dennin, said, in a whisper: "Take this revolver and keep your wits about you. Certain it is that other Ike or the landlord will be here

before daylight to see whether we have done the job. Whoever comes, we must be prepared for him. It's a matter of life or death with us."

Then, seating myself by the little ta-ble, I waited auxiously for the next act in the frightful drama.

It was drawing near to three in the morning when I heard soft footsteps, in the passage, approaching the door, and presently there came a light knock. I motioned to Dennin, and when I opened the door, in walked Ike and Pete, the landlords, but to find themselves confronted suddenly with two revolvers aimed straight at their breasts. At the same time I cried

"Hands up!" "Don't shoot!" the two worthles stammered, simultaneously, throwing up their hands. "No harm was meant!"
"What! No harm, you villains! It
was a cold-blooded murder!" I said,

vehemently. Ike burst out laughing, winking furlously, while from every part of the house seemed to come an explosion of and into the room rushed a

score of miners. "The fact is, pard," said Ike, suppressing his mirth, "we've been pretty hard on you and your friend. But that is the initiation we generally give to ill new tenderfeet-a pretty good skeer, that's all. And really, in the fust place, it was intended for two tenderfoot friends of our'n we expected two days age. But when they didn't come, and we seen youse comin' up the sireet, so innocent-like, we couldn't resist the temptation to play the joke off on you." arti with several rapid winks. Ike walked to the door of the adjoining room, one of the miners following him with the lamp, and unlocking it with another key, threw it open, walked to the cot, and, amid a roar of laughter, jerked out from under the blanket, by the hair, the wax head of a woman.

## FANGSOF THE RATTLER

What an Anatomist Found in a Carefully Lissected Specimen.

The reptile was nearly four feet long, had thirteen rattles and when opened was found to have dined not long before on three young rabbits, which were lying snugly in its very long stomach, lengthwise, one after the other, as they were swallowed. The tail at the junction of the rattles is formed of a bundle of fibers much like those of a tarred rope, one-third of an inch in diameter, twisted in the same manner and crossed, so as to give a great force to the end of the tail, on which the loose rattles are arranged.

But the other end of the reptile is of the most interest, because the examination completely upsets all the popular notions so far held about the fangs. There were four of these on each jaw. One was over half an inch in length. This is the needle, but not the conveyor of the poison. This is a triple fang, or three separate fangs, very loosely attached to the moving muscles, so that they are very easily drawn out, and they are almost invisi-ble on account of their clear, translucent color, so that they might easily escape notice in a wound made by the real fang. These poison fangs are hollow and are directly attached to the

sac in which the poison is contained. The tongue is a thin, slender fiber attached by slender muscles-not forked, as popularly supposed, but appearhostility to the intruder by giving some of its very sharp tongue. It is very clear under these circumstances that the most apparent fang is the puncturing instrument, and when it has done its work, the deadly true fanes, which are tubular, enter the wound and discharge their loads of poison. These are plainly seen to be tubes, and are made exactly like the horns of a cow. Under the microscope the substance of them looks like pearl, and has a deli-cate polish and finish. No surgical instrument is made so delicately.

## SAVED HIS BURNING SHIP

An American Cantain's Novel Plan for Saving Vessel and Cargo.

One of the most brilliant pieces of ocean-wrecking seamansrip on record, whereby the vessel, far out on the Atlantic with her cargo on fire, was saved and brought safely to port, was perfermed on board the American ship John Jay, commanded by Capt. Sangel Jackson, says Harper's Young People. When two weeks out the cargo was discovered to be on fire. The captain | 55 per cent. determined upon his course of act'on. He had the carpenter lowered over the rail and instructed him to bore several holes low down by the water line. The vessel was then put on the other allowed to sink almost to the level of the deck she was put around on the other tack again, so that the came within two or three feet of the top of the water. Several of the sailside, stendying themselves by ropes that had been passed under the vessel and hauled taut, so that they came alongside of the holes. The tapering pins were thrust into the openings and knocked tight, then the vessel was put before the wind to get on an even keel, and the crew turned to and pumped her out.

magnum opus, a picture of ancient Rome in festival, which has already been sought by a dealer in Berlin for 100,000 marks. It is called "Spring." Care of Young Trees.

By all means the most critical period in the life of a fruit tree, or similar shrub, is during the first year after it has been transplanted from the nursery, says Amateur Gardening. If properly cared for during this period it will generally be found in good condition in the following spring, and annually thereafter. On the other hand, if it receives a check during the first few months succeeding its removal, it is liable never to recover. The first care, of course, must be for the roots. These should be protected from excessive dryness, particularly during any period of drouth. For this purpose mulching furnishes the best protection. It may be put on as soon as the tree is set, but in any case should be placed before the ground becomes dry and baked. It should extend somewhat further from the trunk of the tree than the roots are liable to reach, in order that the smaller and tenderer fibers may have protection. Artificial watering is helpful in times

possibly be avoided.

of dryness, but the expedient can never

fully take the place of natural moisture

of the soil. A careful lookout should

be kept during this time for insect

enemies, and if any appear they should

Queen Victoria's Long Reign. Since Queen Victoria ascended the throne in England, fifty-seven years ago, the ruling heads of the world have been changed often. Since she went every into power every throne in the known world has been vacant at least once, and many of them several times. She has had ten premiers, all of whom are dead now except Mr. Gladstone, the Marquis of Salisbury and the Earl of Rosebery. Commencing with Martin Van Buren, sixteen men have held the office of President of the United States since the beginning of her reign, and of these only Benjamin Harrison and Grover Cleveland are alive to-day .-Kansas City Times.

tomary to wait for the after-harvest mighty deep at home. rains to soften the ground before speeding the plow. The experience of this year proves the fallacy of the nodays of August the teams did their work with reasonable comfort, and men working out in the open air did not complain of the heat. But a sharp plow share was required, and the metal wore away rapidly under the friction of dry earth. There is a question of dynamics connected with plowing the soil, wet or dry, which becomes interesting, and is one which we have not heard of as having been scientifically tested. And reference is made to it here to turn the thoughts of youngsters to the powerful influences which act as forces to hinder or help the farmer in his work.

Does FARMING PAY?-Much has been said about advantages of farms during these hard times. A correspondent of Country Gentleman says that a painter who had just finished a job for him said he did not know what to do next. wished he owned a farm or could hire one, for he had orders to go some hundred miles away to paint a large house. ing to be so by its rapid vibration when the reptile is disturbed and shows its per week; then there were some days per week; then there were some days when he could not work, and he had a family at home to support and could hardly make ends meet, to s: othing of laying up anything. Ill. is only one case out of hundreds; and yet boys want to leave the farm to go to painting, carpentering or standing behind counters in stores until 10 or 11 o'clock at night!

> FROM COUNTRY TO CITY .- A recent pamphlet of crop statistics, published by the department of agriculture, contains an article on the rush of population from the country to the city, a tendency which exists all over the country. In Massachusetts seven times as many people live in the cities and towns as in the country. In Iowa, comparing 1880 with 1890, the cities and towns increased more than the total increase of the state, showing that there was an actual diminution of the agricultural population. In the south the urban population has gained 276 per cent since 1860, while the agricultural population has only increased

RELATIVE MILK YIELD. -Careful comparisons made in Germany from the records of large herds, show that there is no relation, or even approximate retack so that she would be healed over lation, between the live weight of cows on the side where the holes had been and the yield of milk. The record of made. The water shot through these a Norwegian herd for ten years, shows or rings, and after the vessel had been that in different years the average yield of milk per pound of live weight averaged, for the herd, between 4.39 and 6.6 pounds. The amount increased during the first eight years. The individwith lines made fast under their ual record for 1893 for a herd of eightarms and holding long wooden pegs een cows shows that the milk yield and hammers, slid down along the varied from 4,206 to 8,196 pounds during the year, and yield per pound of live weight ranged from 4.4 to 7.3 pounds.

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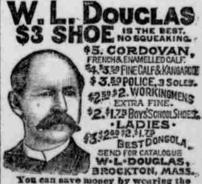
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